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## HIGHWAY 17 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT LAUREL CURVE NEAR SCOTTS VALLEY BEGIN TONIGHT

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY—Crews will begin a safety improvement project to widen the roadway and shoulder near Scotts Valley from south of Laurel Road to North of Laurel Road tonight, Caltrans officials announced today.

The project primarily consists of night work from 8 pm to 5 am, seven days a week, with up to 15 minute delays expected. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

Other improvements include drainage and guardrail upgrade.

The contractor for this \$4 million project is Granite Construction of Watsonville. Work is expected to be complete in August 2007.

For more information regarding this and other projects, the public may call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs staff at 831-423-0396 or e-mail us at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov).

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